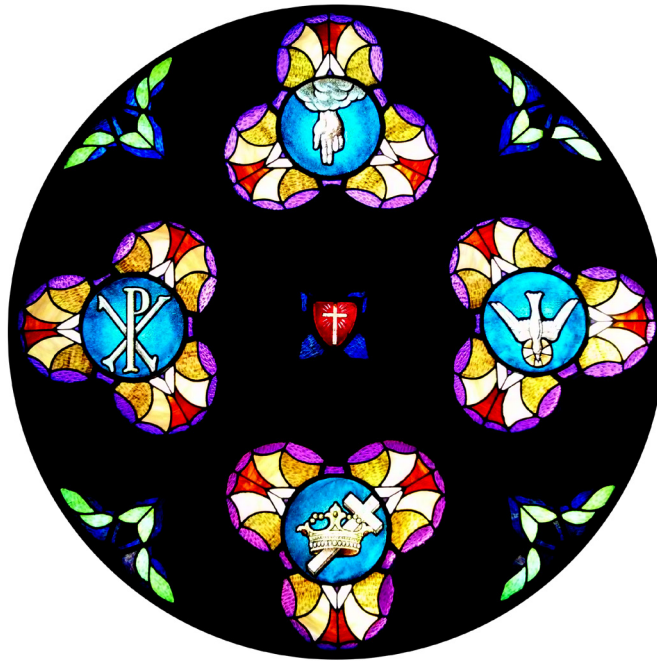


September 1, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Colton Campbell
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

*Please silence all phones and devices.
Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.*

Gathering

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary in G

David Lasky

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak
and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

Introit

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

§ Prayer of Confession

Loving and righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate.

You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away.

Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions.

Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments.

Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you.

Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions.

Cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure

and undefiled and we may live with you in love for others. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 45:1-2; 6-9

Responsive Reading

Refrain



God of love, we praise you; we will praise your name for - ev - er.

My heart overflows with a goodly theme; **I address my verses to the king;**
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. **You are the most handsome of men;**
grace is poured upon your lips; **therefore God has blessed you forever.**

Refrain

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. **Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;**
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Refrain

Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Refrain

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6-9

Old Testament page 160

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 108.

Anthem

The Word of God

Patricia Mock and Richard Nichols

*Like rain and snow from heaven fall to water all the earth,
Causing seed to flourish that flowers might bud and bloom, His Word.*

*His Word goes forth fulfilling what it alone can do,
Proclaiming precious promises, revealing God's own truth.*

*A comfort sure, a refuge sweet, a place we might abide.
A lamp to shine, our paths to guide, Holy Word of God divine.*

With just a word the Father spoke; that moment earth was formed.

Light shone out of darkness; the moon and stars were born.

As seasons come and seasons go with days of constant change,

Eternal, everlasting, His Word remains same.

And with that Word, eternal from beginning without end,

Always with the power forever to transcend, it offers those in blindness to see, that which is true,

To soften hearts while drawing them to change and make anew.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-14a

New Testament page 195

Sermon

The Belt of Truth

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Let Us Rejoice Most Heartily

Charles Callahan

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 697

Take My Life

HENDON

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

David Lasky



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Take My Life

697

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Church office closed on Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Youth & Children's Music Ministries

Sunday, September 8

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries resume Sunday, September 8th from 12:45-1:45! Children and youth meet for lunch (provided) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15. Contact russell@firstprestexas.org or Laura.Farnell@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall from September through May.

This group will resume Wednesday, September 11. The new study is the 2024-2025 PE/Horizons Bible Study "Let Justice Roll: God's call to care for Neighbors and All Creation." A light snack is served at each meeting. Members rotate on leading the discussion and bringing a snack. All women are invited.

Those who ordered a book can pick them up on Sundays between Sunday school and worship, as well as after the worship service.

Questions?

Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

Fall Festival

Sunday, September 22

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Fall Festival Lunch on September 22nd, held immediately after the Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

WELCOME TEAM — Help us welcome guests!

We want to make sure that guests are always welcomed when they enter our church, and that someone is available to answer any questions they may have. They may need help finding the nursery, the restrooms, etc. We have two Welcome Team members each Sunday currently, but soon will need four, when the current phase of construction is complete. Beginning June 30, there will be a Welcome Team poster and sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up to be part of the team for a particular date. Welcome Team members arrive at 10:30am and are available at a designated entrance. One team member will need to remain in the narthex for the entire service and the others can join the congregation in the sanctuary approximately 10 minutes after the service starts at 11:00am. Help us show guests that we are glad they're here! Help us make guests feel welcome!

Help us show God's love to guests by greeting them warmly and answering any questions they may have.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/1	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Monday 9/2	
Tuesday 9/3	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 9/4	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 9/5	
Friday 9/6	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 9/7	

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Mia Navarro and her family, Billie Jo Campbell, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Charlie Nieman, Tina Paulk, Sheri Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Eleanor Schernbeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Lorna Snyder, David Spencer, Larry Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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